

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2017
1 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103**

MINUTES

Present: Fritz Jellinghaus, Lisa Scails, Amy Wynn, Ted Yudain, Jan Dilenschneider
Mary Ellen Eckels, Karen Osbrey

Absent: Mary DeCroce, Jimmy Greene, Catherine Smith, Helen Klisser During

Staff: Kristina Newman-Scott, Bonnie Koba, Tamara Dimitri, Adriane Jefferson,
Rhonda Olisky

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Amy Wynn, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus, to approve the minutes of March 17, 2017.

III. Chairman's Report

Fritz Jellinghaus reported that we have a board vacancy in the Arts Council. Fritz will be following up on getting vacancy refilled as well as board terms that have expired and need reappointments.

IV. Director's Report

Kristina Newman-Scott reported on the following:

FY18 State Budget: Currently the Governor has endorsed a budget where COA's allocation is doubled. However, no additional information has been communicated from the Governor's office since. We hope for at least a \$722,400 allocation from the state to be eligible to receive

the federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts which require a state dollar to dollar match.

NEA Budget: The Connecticut Office of the Arts' has been awarded \$722,400 from the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant will support COA's FY18 activities.

Arts Workforce Initiative: The Connecticut Office of the Arts launched its Arts Workplace Initiative, a paid 10-week internship program giving college students and emerging arts professionals an opportunity to gain hands-on and engaging work experience with creative organizations throughout the state. COA selected 10 interns and matched them with a Connecticut organization aligned with their professional goals. Selected organizations were granted \$3,750 per intern to be used to cover the intern's wages. All internships will take place from June 5th through August 11th.

AEP: The Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study was conducted by Americans for the Arts (AFTA) and documents the economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry. Connecticut has participated as a study partner. The study will be released in late June.

Move to New Office: The Arts, Historic Preservation, and Tourism offices will be moving from Constitution Plaza in Hartford to the new State Office Building at 450 Columbus. We are tentatively scheduled to relocate the second week in September.

Maternity Leave: Kristina will email the Arts Council members information on who to contact while she is on maternity leave.

VI. Other Business

No other business.

VII. Adjournment

A motion as made to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

The next Arts Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Hartford Hilton during the HOT Schools Summer Institute.

Respectfully submitted by,

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